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SUBJ TRUDEAU TO PRESS: REPORTS ON HEAD INTERVIEW RE NEW  
CANADIAN FOREIGN POLICY APPROACH ARE "PURE FICTIONS"

REF OTTAWA 3138 AND 3140

1. IN HIS FIRST PRESS CONFERENCE OCTOBER 1 FOLLOWING  
THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT, PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU DES-  
CRIBED AS "PURE FICTIONS OR INVENTIONS" THE NEWS REPORTS  
BASED ON AN INTERVIEW WITH HIS SPECIAL FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
ADVISOR, IVAN HEAD, WHICH HAD SUGGESTED THAT TRUDEAU IS  
PLANNING TO TAKE AN ACTIVIST LEFT-WING APPROACH IN  
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (SEE REFTELS). TRUDEAU SAID CANADIAN  
FOREIGN POLICY WILL CONTINUE TO EMPHASIZE PROGRAMS THAT  
BENEFIT PEOPLE BUT "THIS IS STANDARD LIBERAL POLICY."  
THE PRIME MINISTER DENIED THAT THERE WILL BE ANY MAJOR  
CHANGES IN HIS APPROACH TO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. HE  
SAID, "I REALLY CAN'T LEAD CANADIANS TO BELIEVE THERE WILL  
BE A SERIES OF BOLD NEW INITIATIVES."

2. WHEN A REPORTER SAID AT THE NEWS CONFERENCE  
THAT HE HAD RECEIVED SIMILAR STATEMENTS REGARDING  
NEW APPROACHES IN CANADIAN FOREIGN POLICY FROM  
SEVERAL PERSONS IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE,  
TRUDEAU REPLIED: "I'LL HAVE TO HAVE A GOOD TALK  
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WITH PEOPLE IN MY OFFICE." HE SAID HE WANTS HIS

STAFF TO MAINTAIN A "LOW PROFILE" AND LET FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENTS EMANATE FROM SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, MR. MACEACHEN AND HIMSELF. TRUDEAU SAID MR HEAD TOLD HIM THAT HE NEVER DREW A PARALLEL BETWEEN SWEDISH AND CANADIAN FOREIGN POLICY NOR USED THE TERMS "LEFT WING" OR "MORAL" TO DESCRIBE CANADIAN POLICY.

3. THE PRIME MINISTER CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS ON THIS SUBJECT BY STATING THAT CANADIAN FOREIGN POLICY BEGUN BY MR SHARP, FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, WILL BE CONTINUED UNDER MR MACEACHEN WITH "NO SHARP CURVES." HE SAID, "WE FEEL WE HAVE BEEN PURSUING A GOOD FOREIGN POLICY, ONE WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE, WHICH IS RESPONSIVE, WHICH IS BASED ON CANADA'S NATIONAL PURPOSE AND WHICH IS AIMED AT IMPROVING AS FAR AS WE CAN THE LOT OF PEOPLES IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD, A BELIEF IN SHARING, A BELIEF IN AN ETHIC OF RESPONSIBILITY AND CONCERN FOR OTHER NATIONS IN THE WORLD."

4. TRANSCRIPT OF PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH COVERED A VARIETY OF OTHER ISSUES BEING POUCHED TO EUR/CAN. PORTER

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